

Executive Director - Mr. Richard D. Baum

Mr. Baum, of Mill Valley, served most recently as chief deputy insurance commissioner for the Department of Insurance. Previously, he was president and chief executive officer for the Care West Insurance Company from 1995 to 2003. Prior to that, Mr. Baum worked for the Department of Insurance from 1990 to 1995 holding the positions of chief deputy insurance commissioner and trustee for the Executive Life Insurance Company. He also served as a senior executive at Amfac Inc. from 1983 to 1990. Mr. Baum currently serves as a director and chair of the governance committee of Redwood Trust, Inc.

Deputy Director - Ms. Michele Gault

Ms. Gault, of Sacramento, served as the executive director for the Northern California World Trade Center in Sacramento from 2005-2007. Previously, she spent a year in Germany where she worked as a visiting professional in Munich at the Bavarian Ministry of Economics, and at Infineon Technologies. Prior to that, Ms. Gault worked for the State of California as the international project coordinator for California Business Investment Services (CalBIS). At the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency, she was the assistant director of the California State World Trade Commission and also served as the agency's trade policy analyst. She serves on the board of directors of the World Affairs Council of Sacramento.

Consultant - Ms. Leslie Mintz Tamminen

Ms. Tamminen, of Santa Monica, serves as an advisor to Lt. Governor John Garamendi, and the California Commission for Economic Development. She also works as an environmental consultant with Seventh Generation Advisors, in Santa Monica, CA. From 1997 to 2008, Leslie was the Legislative Director and staff attorney for the environmental nonprofit organization Heal the Bay, where she was responsible for development and implementation of statewide legislation to clean up water pollution, including ballot initiatives, and the first-ever state Education and the Environment Initiative, a requirement for environmental education principles and curricula development in all core disciplines in public schools for K-12. Leslie is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Southern California Law Center, and lives in the Los Angeles area with her son and her husband Terry Tamminen.